

What is claimed is:

1. A method for administering terminals in communication networks, comprising:
 - 5 registering at least one terminal with a central registration entity;
 - communicating at least one application with the at least one terminal;
 - performing an inquiry at the central
 - 10 registration entity; and
 - performing at least one action on the basis of the result of the inquiry.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
15 registering of the terminal with the central registration entity is not carried out by the terminal to be registered.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
20 registration information is updated.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
 - performing the inquiry for the user of the
 - 25 terminals by the application; and
 - supplying a list of terminals allocated to the user back to the application.
5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein an
30 interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.
6. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to
35 the terminals are specified as:
 - an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,
 - data formats to transmit voice and/or data to

13. The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein an interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.

5 14. The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to the terminals are specified as:

an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,

10 data formats to transmit voice and/or data to the corresponding terminal, and
transmission standards for the transmission.

15 15. The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the application decides from the registration information supplied back which terminal establishes contact.

20 16. The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the application establishes contact with a number of terminals.

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